

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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15th Sunday of the Year.
16th of July

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11. Psalm 104. Romans 8:18-23.
Matthew 13:1-23.

Next Week 22-23/7.

Wisdom 12:13,15-19. Psalm 85. Romans
8:26-27. Matthew 13:24-43.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun.
7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7am.

Sandgate – Sun. 9am. & 5pm.

Zillmere – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7am. 9am. & 5pm.

Reconciliation:

Every Sat. 5:15pm to 5:45pm and before all
weekend Masses.

Weekday Mass or Liturgy: 9am.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Readings:

Mon. Exodus 1:8-14,22. P. 123. Matt. 10:34-11:1.

Tue. Exodus 2:1-15. P. 68. Matthew 11:20-24.

Wed. Exodus 3:1-6,9-12. P. 102. Matt. 11:25-27.

Thu. Exodus 3:13-20. P. 104. Matthew 11:28-30.

Fri. Exodus 11:10-12:14. P. 115. Matthew 12:1-8.

Sat. Song 3:1-4. Psalm 62. John 20:1-2,11-18.

Mass at Home:

Both City and Regional. Channel 10. Sundays
at 6am. Mass is available for viewing at
any time at <http://www.mfyah.com.au/>

St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:

Live at 10am., every Sunday on website:
<http://bne.catholic.net.au/webcast>

Communion for the Sick:

To share our Sunday liturgies with sick family
members and/or friends, please see
Leader/Coordinator before Mass.

Reflection from:- the Word among us.

Parish News

St. Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge and Bald Hills

Reflection.

*Reflection on the Gospel- 15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A, 16 July 2017 (Matthew
13:1-23 or 13:1-9)*

*The grace of God's word is there for everyone who
is open to receive it, writes Sister Veronica Lawson
rsm.*

One of the privileges of my life has been an
ongoing involvement in Catholic education,
especially in religious and theological education of
staff. While my connection now is somewhat
removed from the day to day life of schools, I am
keenly aware of the selfless dedication of
leadership and staff in their efforts to create
environments for the children and young adults in
our communities to receive God's word in its multi-
layered reality. A sense of wonder and appreciation
of the goodness of creation, of respect for the
human and the more-than-human Earth community,
is at the heart of any truly worthwhile education.
The experience of violence or broken trust in the
lives of some children may inhibit that sense of
wonder and respect. Sensitive educators, at home
and at school, are attuned to the diversity of
experience among children and are called to attend
to the inevitable diversity of needs so that all might
be open to learn and to grow in wisdom and grace.

Jesus' parable of the soil, seed and sower reminds
us that the grace of God's word is there for
everyone who is open to receive it. If the seed takes
root in rich soil, the harvest is assured. If it misses
the mark and falls on the path, the benefit is for the
birds alone and not for the human community. If the
soil is rocky, the growth is premature and short-
lived and the harvest is very limited, so that the
birds are deprived along with the human
community. If the seed falls among thorns, it is
choked-so once again, there is no harvest. The
readiness of the soil is all important, though the
extent of the yield is the measure of God's
abundant grace.

This parable reflects Jesus' closeness to the whole
Earth community and his familiarity with the lives of
ordinary people. While scattering of seed before
ploughing seems a rather wasteful method of
sowing a crop, such a practice is attested in the
ancient world. Is the sower an extraordinarily
generous God or an exploitative and wasteful
estate owner? Parables tease their hearers and
invite them to ponder their many levels of meaning.
We have to bring our own life experience into
dialogue with the word of each parable and search
out its meaning for us. When we consider our

children, the parable of the soil, seed and sower
may yield its wisdom more slowly than parents and
teachers may wish. Young people tend to mature at
different rates and their faith develops in myriad
ways that only God as harvester truly
comprehends. We do whatever we can and trust
that God will ensure an abundant harvest.

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection
www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org



Prayer for Peace

Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Hefferan . Ph: 3269 0446.

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults
Representative: Clare Kennedy

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

School: Principal: Mr. Gary Creevey, 30 Eldorado
St, Bracken Ridge. Ph: 3261 2858.

Parish Office: Bronwyn Venzke,
bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Ph: 3261 3670.
Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings.

St Vincent de Paul: Jeff Walsh or Earl Grady

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach

Blitz: Kelcey & Josh de Gee

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Brouge,

Newsletter: Barbara Masterman (Cut-off time:
noon Fridays).

*'We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional
custodians on whose land we worship'.*

Please leave the area facing the Parish Centre free for those among us who have some mobility difficulties and need our sensitivity with parking even if it appears the area is not being used.

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Pray@8. Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away.

Lord, the plight of Iraq and Syria is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Peace is the foundation of life. Grant the people of Iraq and Syria peace and stability that will enable them to live with one another with dignity and joy. Spare their lives and grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (Adapted from *Prayers of Patriarch Sako of Iraq and Archbishop Costelloe of Perth*).

"Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."

Date Claimer – Important Child Safety Training –

-for All Parish Volunteers. Sat. 15/7. 2.15-5.15pm. and Wed. 26/7. 6-9pm. (In the Church). The Archdiocese has asked that all volunteers of the parish complete this training, not only those involved in the care of children. The Archdiocese has specified volunteers who assist with:- Communion Ministry, Hospitality, Readers, Children's Liturgy, Kindy Liturgy, Counters, Finance Council, Grounds Maintenance, Church Maintenance, Pastoral Council, Sacramental Program, RCIA Programme, Sacristans, Youth Group, Refugee Support, Catechists. All interested parishioners are also welcome to attend. Should these dates not be suitable, alternate dates will be offered in surrounding parishes over the next couple of months. Enq. Parish office 3261 3670.

Children's Liturgy.

This will commence again next weekend. 23/7. Prep to Year 3 students invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word. Rostered Marianne Grant. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Our 3, 4 & 5 year old littlies are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Enq. Margaret

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is kept up to date at all times.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

There are two extra forms - our Parish Volunteer Form and an (Archdiocesan) 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. There is no cost for the Blue Card. Volunteers, please collect the forms from Bronwyn, Margaret or Netta.

Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:-

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for God's healing touch and love for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. To have family/friends included in our prayers in the newsletter, please contact Barbara

Condolence.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 29-30/7. Group 4. Enq. Margaret Halpin. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

For next weekend, 22-23/7. Group 3. 6pm. M. Kennedy. P. Connors. M. Denkes. 7.30am. L. McDonough. P. Bugden. M. Braithwaite. 9am. B. & R. Masterman. M. Healy.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend, Group 3. 6pm. G. McLagan. S. Balagtas. G. Denkes. Rosie/Jolly. J. Khaghaoany, 7.30am. D. Phillpott. A. Kennedy. J. Garcia. D. Johns. J. Boyle. 9am. T. Clarke. K. Cunningham. A. Keats. C. Menzies. D. Miller.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. M. Johnson. L. Esparcia. Justin, Adrian Coffey. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. C. Kennedy. K. Hutton. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

If you would like to serve, please see Fr. Gerry before Mass.

Counters Roster.

23/7. Group 3. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. 30/7. Group 4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

22/7. Judy Hall.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

16-23/7. 15th & 16th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. Catholic Education Week. Saints Apollinaris. Lawrence of Brindisi. Mary Magdalene.

Parish Newsletter online: Website.

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parish-newsletter.html>

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

Parishioners, if they wish, may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog. A hard copy will be put on the noticeboard in the Church.

Vocation Brisbane V9 Prayer Campaign.

This campaign encourages a prayerful culture across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for praying a nine week novena for vocations. Prayer Campaign 8. A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved. B: For they were like sheep without a Shepherd. A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready". B: "But the labourers are few." A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest. B: O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your harvest. A: And shepherd for your people. Amen. Let us pray: That the Lord of the Harvest may open the hearts of our young people to the possibility of a life in the priesthood, diaconate or Religious Life. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Annual Catholic Campaign: 9-10 September.

Are you able to lend a helping hand to help our local Catholic agencies? We need volunteers to serve as Ambassadors for the 2017 Annual Catholic Campaign. It's light work, small time commitment but makes a profound difference! We encourage all new Ambassadors, Parish Priests and staff to attend a brief workshop conducted in-person across the Archdiocese or online. Follow link to complete the online registration form and we will be in touch. <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/resources/register-as-an-ambassador/>

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Julie McCoy will be leading Zumba this Sunday, 16/7. We start at 7pm. In the Parish Centre. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Next Gathering Sun. 23/7 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering today, Sun. 16/7. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee. Gold coin donation.

Practice for Musicians and Singers.

We invite all those involved in music ministry to come along on Tuesday 18/7 at 7.30pm. to learn some new songs we can add to our repertoire of liturgical hymns. Enq. Jess Hickey

Women's Prayer Group.

Held every Wednesday, in the Church from 9.30 - 11.30am. All welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Men's Prayer Group.

Held every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the parish invited and welcome. Enq. Phillip

Parish Pastoral Council.

This week's meeting witnessed the change-over of the 4 retiring member from the Council and the introduction of our 4 new members. All members agreed with Fr that we need to continue to always strive for the Council year-on-year to be made up of an equal representation of women and men, the inclusion of youth, and of members from the various cultural/ethnic groups within our Parish. A living, vibrant, and sustaining Parish can only remain so if it stays connected both with parishioners who have been here for many generations, as well as those most recent arrivals who hope that it can be a new promised land for their families. If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively send an email to bridge@bnc.catholic.net.au with a heading 'For the attention of the Pastoral Council'.

Royal Commission Information.

The Royal Commission has published documents relating to Catholic Church Insurance (CCI) and the Society of St. Gerard Majella that were tendered during the public hearing into Catholic Church authorities in Australia (Case Study 50). The public hearing was held in Sydney in February 2017. The CCI documents relate to investigations conducted by CCI into child sexual abuse claims to establish whether an insured Catholic Church authority had prior knowledge of an alleged perpetrator's propensity to abuse. The Royal Commission has published CCI documents relating to 22 alleged perpetrators. I have created a link to make them easier to find <http://bit.ly/CaseStudy50Exhibits> Please refer to Exhibit 50-0012 and Exhibit 50-0013. Francis Sullivan (CEO TJHC) media blog at <http://tinyurl.com/TJHCblog> Stay connected and updated by signing up to the latest news, blog posts and media releases at <http://www.tjhc.org.au> Specialist Support Director. Professional Standards Office (Qld) - 1800 337 928 or 07 3229 3711. Adults Surviving Child Abuse - 1300 657 380. Victims Counselling Support Services - 1300 139 703. Knowmore – 1800 605 762 www.knowmore.com.au Netta Sheridan

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Programme 2016 -2017.

Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Fire & Spirit.

Held on the first Sunday of each month from 3.30 – 5pm. Come and join us for our monthly afternoon of praise, worship and sharing of the Word in our Parish Church. All ages welcome. Enq. Gabrielle

School History Group.

Since the beginning of 2016 a small group of people have been meeting on a regular basis slowly sorting through the all the school's data, paraphernalia and other records we have in storage. Whilst conducting this exercise a few gaps have been discovered. We are now sending out an SOS in the hope that either parents, past students or former staff members can help fill these gaps for us. Below is a list of what we are currently in search of (we are quite happy to make copies of photographs). Class Photos: 1988 – Yr 1 White; Yr 2 Brown; Yr 3 Blue; Yr 3 Brown; Yr 6 Blue; Yr 7 Brown. 1983 – Staff Photo. Uniform - (Replica?) Blue jacket and pants (Winter) – with a white stripe on the sleeve (and a thin brown stripe below it). If anyone in the community has information/memorabilia (or you might know of someone who may have kept special mementos of their time at St Joseph's) please feel free to contact Beatrice Smith at the School, or Barbara Masterman after 9am. Mass.

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

Pope Francis at TED Talks <http://bit.ly/FrancisTEDTalks>

Two-Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese prepare "Two Minute Homilies" and upload them on social media: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

Vocation Views.

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

WAG Update.

Currently we have 9 communities in South Sudan where we have installed water wells. These village names can be found at the top of the back page of our newsletter. In Blackall, the Centenary of St. Joseph's Primary School is next weekend. (21/22 July). Excitement is mounting as the people will come together to celebrate this great milestone. Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am. Mass. Enq. Jeff Walsh

Mowing Service.

A lawn mowing service is offered by our migrants. You do not need to own a mower. Enq. Michael 0417 635 269.

menALIVE in the City.

Enq. 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. The next gathering is on Wed. 2/8 at 12.30pm., at Cafe Espresso 351 Beams Rd. Taigum. Enq. Gloria.

Social Parish Tennis Group –

-plays Wednesday nights at Deagon Tennis Courts at 7pm. Court No. 10. Enq. Maureen

Social bike riding group.

The first Saturday of the month and leaving from Bracken Ridge Tavern promptly at 7am. Enq. Maureen

Giving for weekend 8-9/7.

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish, and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up at offertory. Current Envelope Givers: 73. Direct Debit Givers 93. Envelopes \$620. Direct Debit \$1470. Loose \$921. Total \$3011. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 28. \$3443.

An Invitation.

If you wish to join the Giving Programme and support our/my Parish with a regular financial Gift please place a note with your name, address, and phone number on either Collection plate or email our Parish Office at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

Care for Creation Group.

All welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

St. Joseph's School/Parish Fete 2017.

The Cent Auction is always one of the most popular attractions at our Fete. We would love donations to make up prizes for any age, boys, girls, men, women. Sports, games, etc... Donations can be left in the marked container at the back of the Church for collection each Monday. We are always delighted to have the full support of our Parish family.

Volunteers needed to help with Fete –

- Managing the parking of cars on the School over during the morning of the Parish/School Fete on Sat. 22/7. Of Please contact Tom Gordon on 3269 0383 and leave a message if you can help.

2017 National Pilgrimage.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8/11, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18/11. \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single supplement: \$610.00. Enq., or for a Pilgrimage brochure. Sr. Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr. Annie Bond 02 89124818. MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosi.org.au.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass.

At St. Stephen's Cathedral. Tue. 8/8 at 10am. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Open Seating. RSVP by Tue. 1/8 to: rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au

Catholic Mission.

Not only will this bike ride, from November 15-26, focus on one of the most beautiful of "all the nations", Cambodia, but it will give participants a chance to see how Mission is unfolding, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" across the Cambodia countryside. Call our Brisbane office 3336 9239 for more details or for a FREE information pack and be a part of this historic and life-changing – for all concerned – experience. David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Diocese

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our St. Joseph's Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, after the 9am. Mass, from 9:30 - 11:30am. (approx.) in the Parish Centre excluding School Holidays. Next Meeting Mon. 17/7. Enquiries: Jan Schultz or Jan Taylor

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available. Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Marriage Encounter.

4-6/8. Weekend for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For Enq./Bookings: Maria & David Murphy 3342 1456. dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Website:www.wme.org.au

One Heart and One Soul.

Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India, from February 19/2-10/3. 2018. Enq. Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117 or email info@spiceodyssey.net.au

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

Catholic Leader: \$2.

Something of interest within the pages for every family member.

MMP Cenacle and Mass.

Sat. 22/7. 11am. At Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 102 Sparkes Rd., Bray Park. All welcome. For further details please contact Marg Wallace 3205 3829 or Sue Vasil 3843 0236.

Memorandum.

Members of our parish community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacramental Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved one who pass away. The Chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request. Enq. Barbara Masterman

Billings Life.

A woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. The Billings Ovulation Method® teaches a woman to interpret her natural signs of fertility through all her changing life stages from puberty to menopause. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health accredited Billing Method Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. Enq. Billings LIFE 1800 335 860 or visit Website www.billings.life

Brisbane City Social Bridge Club.

Penola Place in St. Stephen's Cathedral grounds. Supervised play Mon. Wed. and Thur. from 10am. to 1pm. Lessons for beginners available. Enq. Beris 3300 1332.

St. Ignatius Parish.

Toowong. Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. Tue. 5/9 at 7.30pm. In the Stuartholme School Chapel. This is a legacy of Fr. Peter Quin SJ. Enq. 3870 7818.

Bequests are-

- an important source of funds for parishes. Remember your parish in your Will.

Eureka Street.

A publication of the Australian Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org